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## Thailand

### Sanitary/Phytosanitary/Food Safety

### Thailand's Phytosanitary Certificate Requirement for Waiver Commodities Initially Lax

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**Report Highlights:**

In a conversation on August 27, Surapol Yinasawapun, Chief of Plant Quarantine Research, Plant Quarantine Group under the Thai Department of Agriculture stated that Thailand will allow shipments without the required phytosanitary certificate to arrive after August 28. However, Suraporn could not commit to a time-frame for the relaxed enforcement.

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Includes PSD Changes: No  
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On August 27, FAS/Bangkok contacted Surapol Yinasawapun, Chief of Plant Quarantine Research, Plant Quarantine Group under the Thai Department of Agriculture to discuss Thailand's new requirement for phytosanitary certificates for all commodities currently receiving a waiver to Thailand's new Plant Quarantine Act (No. 3) B.E. 2551. Surapol stated that all port Chief's of Plant Quarantine were notified this week to be lenient on shipments not containing the certificates. Inspectors are to not hold up a shipment missing a phytosanitary certificate, but rather just inspect and clear the shipment. Additionally, Surapol stated the Plant Quarantine Group did not want to put this in writing nor was Surapol definitive as to how long the leniency will exist; most likely a few weeks.

On August 21, FAS/Bangkok was alerted that the Thai Plant Quarantine group under the Department of Agriculture (DOA) will now require phytosanitary certificates on August 28, 2008, for all commodities currently receiving a waiver to Thailand's new Plant Quarantine Act (No. 3) B.E. 2551. Current waiver commodities which are classified as non-prohibited articles, and do not currently require an import permit or a phytosanitary certificate include apple, apricot, cherry, currant, fig, grape, nectarine, peach, pear, plum, prune, strawberry, sorghum grain, sorghum seed, sweet pepper, and eggplant ([GAIN TH8047](#)).

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